

Florence Trimble, known as the Mother Teresa of Gilroy, has dedicated her time and love to recruiting volunteers to address the needs of the homeless.

Forrest W. Williams provides valuable service to programs for young people. He has been a mentor for many years and serves on the San Jose Planning Commission and the United Negro College Fund Executive Advisory Board.

In addition, I would like to congratulate the six community groups who received the Human Relations Award. The groups are: AAUW Committee on Homeless Women and Children—Los Gatos/Saratoga Branch; Adelante Mujer Hispana of Santa Clara County; Almaden Council Pacific Bell Pioneers; Dispute Resolution Program Services Volunteers, Office of Human Relations; Filipino Youth Coalition; and Mountain View Diversity Forum.

SUPPORT AMERICAN STEEL

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. McNULTY Mr. Speaker, I want to express my deep concern about the crisis facing our American steel industry. The continued dumping of steel is causing tremendous harm to the industry and forcing huge lay-offs of hard-working U.S. steel workers. Over 10,000 steel workers have been laid off in the past year as a result of the flood of under-priced steel coming into the United States.

As we all know, America was built on the backs of laborers. We cannot turn our backs on them now.

Although the actions taken by the steel industry and the Administration have caused the amount of dumped steel to drop, more needs to be done. We need to be firm and make it very clear to our competitors that we will not tolerate illegal dumping of any kind.

American Steel companies and organized labor have worked very hard over the last decade to restructure and to restore the integrity of this important industry. We cannot allow these sacrifices to be in vain.

I am a co-sponsor of Rep. VISCLOSKY's bill to reduce steel imports to 25% of the U.S. market. That is the level that prevailed in July 1997—before the illegal dumping began. I hope the House will adopt this measure in the near future.

Given the nation's strong economy, now is the time to deepen our commitment to ensuring that working families keep the well-paying jobs they deserve.

RECOGNITION OF THE COMMITMENT OF MR. WILLIAM C. "BILLY" SULLIVAN TO YOUTH ATHLETICS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the lifelong commitment to youth athletics in Western Massachusetts of Mr. William C. "Billy" Sullivan. For the

past fifty years, Billy Sullivan has been a fixture on the sidelines of playing fields throughout the Greater Springfield area. As a football, basketball, and baseball player, Billy displayed an unmatched drive to succeed. His dedication to fair play and high quality athletics has been evident since he was a young man, and has continued to this day.

Billy Sullivan's dedication to athletics as a coach, manager, and organizer is unparalleled. He has coached local youth teams for well over thirty years, including a stint as manager of the Sacred Heart Semi-pro baseball team. He has been a sitting member on the Catholic Basketball League Board of Directors, the Springfield Pee Wee Baseball Leagues Board of Directors, the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Committee, and the Basketball Hall of Fame Board of Trustees. He has been Chairman of John L. Sullivan Day at Pynchon Park, the NCAA Division II Elite 8 Basketball Championships, the Springfield Civic Basketball Committee, and the Springfield Peach Basket Festival Committee. His public service resume includes time as a Member of the Massachusetts General Court, City Clerk of the City of Springfield, and Mayor of the City of Springfield.

Billy Sullivan's commitment to youth athletics will be on display on the weekend of March 26–28, 1999. Over 1,500 children, ages 7–17, will descend upon Western Massachusetts to participate in the 40th annual New England Catholic Youth Organization Basketball Tournament. Proceeds generated by the tournament will be donated to Brightside for Families and Children in care of the Vinny Del Negro Endowment Fund. Billy Sullivan and Vinny Del Negro are the co-chairman for this popular event.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to pay tribute to the service, commitment, and character of Mr. William C. Sullivan. He has proved himself to be an indispensable member of his community, as a leader, an organizer, and an advocate of youth athletics in Western Massachusetts.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, due to President Clinton's visit to the 2nd District of Arizona on February 25, 1999, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall votes No. 27 and No. 28. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 27 and "yea" on rollcall vote No. 28.

TRIBUTE TO RICARDO ICAZA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SHERMAN and I rise today to

pay tribute to our very good friend, Ricardo Icaza, President of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770. This year Ricardo is receiving the International Humanitarian Award from the Israel Humanitarian Foundation. Having traveled outside the United States many times as a representative of the AFL–CIO, advocating on behalf of working people, it is no exaggeration to say that he is a perfect choice for this prestigious honor.

Ricardo joined Local 770 in 1956, when Dwight Eisenhower was President of the United States and Elvis Presley had his first hit records. In the ensuing 43 years, the fortunes of organized labor have ebbed and flowed, along with those of the American economy as a whole. Through it all Ricardo's commitment to the Union, its policies and its goals, has never wavered. He is too busy fighting for the rights of workers to worry about whether the role of unions is diminishing, or to fret over the standing of the labor movement in public opinion polls.

Ricardo has held many important positions with Local 770, including Research Assistant, Organizer, Business Representative and Secretary-Treasurer. He has been President of Local 770 since 1981.

Many of his duties have involved helping his brothers and sisters in foreign countries. In 1979, for example, he represented the Retail Clerks International Union as an advisory committee member in a delegation that went to Portugal, Spain and Brussels. He has also traveled to China, Geneva and Germany as a representative of the AFL–CIO. In 1998, Ricardo represented labor in Mayor Riordan's delegation that visited Japan for the purpose of encouraging business with the City of Los Angeles.

Ricardo's involvement with labor does not stop with Local 770. He is also President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Treasurer of the Food and Drug Council and Vice President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement and trustee of the Southern California United Food and Commercial Workers Unions.

We ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Ricardo Icaza, a man of integrity, compassion and justice. His unshakable commitment to improving the lives of working men and women inspires us all.

HONORING THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOUNDING OF THE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION "CLOTHES, FOOD, AND EDUCATION FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY"

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of some distinguished South Florida students: Abhishek Gupta, Adam & Diana Deitsch, Connie & Hakeem Campbell, Shaun Krueger, Edward & Monique McDuffie, Laurel Stephenson, and Samantha Voehringer. Every one of these students in between the ages of 7–17 years old, and their outstanding community service has truly benefited both the South Florida community as well as the world at large.